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2. after the arrest of MVD guards and MVD traffic police in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and other large towns had been replaced by personnel of the Soviet Army. In political indoctrination, Beriya was accused of having released the most dangerous enemies of the people to ingratiate himself with the western powers.

3. the morale was low and soldiers were often drunk. Three officers were demoted for drunkenness, and another officer was punished with 15 days of solitary confinement on the same charges and was handed over to the main guardhouse in Liesing (O 49/X 38). the morale was poor because the soldiers were tired of serving abroad. 25X1

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propaganda among the soldiers that a true patriot would return home and work for his country, and that reenlisted men were soldiers without 25X1

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fatherland unwilling to work and just wishing to earn easy money.
 [redacted] on 3 November 1953, an order permitted officers to
 take along their dependents from the USSR to Austria.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The tank unit in Goetzendorf probably was identical with the 55th Tank Tng Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div [redacted] Gds Lieutenant Colonel Kravchenko (fnu) is carried as commanding officer of the battalion.

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[redacted] The division has been repeatedly observed and confirmed subordinate to the III Mtz Rifle Corps in the Uzhgorod-Beregovo area, Carpathian MD.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The present report confirms the assumption that a cantonment near Kaisersteinbruch was processing point for discharges and distributing point for newly arrived replacements. [redacted] The repatriation movement from Wilfleinsdorf as loading station since about late October 1953 has also been confirmed again by the present report.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The motion picture point at Tribuswinkel was previously reported. The installation belongs to the propaganda and cultural material depot [redacted] which is subordinate to the political administration of the Central Group of Forces.

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